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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL TREATIES

CHANGES IN THE SCOPE OF CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES

Information on the status of legal notifications transmitted to the Secretary-General by States parties to the international drug control treaties

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

Under the international drug control treaties, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is responsible for deciding what substances should be brought under international control and what control measures should be applied. The Government of Spain has transmitted to the Secretary-General a notification under the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the Government of the United States of America has transmitted to the Secretary-General a notification under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988. Those notifications are brought to the attention of the Commission for its information. No action on those matters is required of the Commission at its forty-first session.

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I. NOTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN RECOMMENDING SCHEDULING UNDER THE CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES OF 1971

1. Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 1, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,[1] the Government of Spain sent a notification dated 17 February 1997 to the Secretary-General, informing him that, in its opinion, Schedules I and II of the 1971 Convention should be amended to include: (a) isomers, except where expressly excluded, of substances listed in Schedules I or II, whenever the existence of such isomers is possible; (b) esters and ethers of substances in Schedules I or II, except where included in another Schedule, whenever the existence of such esters or ethers is possible; (c) salts of those esters, ethers and isomers, under the conditions stated above, whenever the formation of such salts is possible; and (d) a substance resulting from modification of the chemical structure of a substance already in Schedule I or II and which produces pharmacological effects similar to those produced by the original substance.

2. In accordance with the provisions of article 2, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention, the Secretary-General transmitted to all Governments, as annexes to a note verbale dated 28 May 1997, the notification and information submitted by the Government of Spain in support of that notification.

3. The Secretary-General also transmitted the notification to the World Health Organization (WHO) pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention. WHO is responsible for assessing recommendations for scheduling with respect to that Convention.

4. In his notification, the Secretary-General asked Governments to submit their comments on the proposal. Data provided by Governments will be used in the preparation of a document to assist WHO in examining the proposal. It is expected that the question will be examined by the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence early in 1998.

5. In accordance with article 2, paragraph 5, of the 1971 Convention, any recommendation made by WHO will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in due course.

6. No action is required by the Commission at its forty-first session regarding the proposal made by the Government of Spain.

II. NOTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RECOMMENDING SCHEDULING UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES OF 1988

7. Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,[2] the Government of the United States of America informed the Secretary-General on 25 August 1997 that, in its opinion, phenylpropanolamine (PPA) should be included in Table I of the 1988 Convention.

8. In accordance with article 12, paragraph 3, of the 1988 Convention, the Secretary-General transmitted to all Governments, as annexes to a note verbale dated 10 November 1997, the notification and information submitted by the Government of the United States in support of that notification.

9. The Secretary-General also transmitted the notification to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), which, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 4, of the 1988 Convention, will communicate

to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs an assessment of PPA, together with recommendations of monitoring measures, if any, that would be appropriate in the light of the assessment.

10. In the Secretary-General's notification, Governments were asked to submit their comments regarding the possible inclusion of PPA in Table I of the 1988 Convention. Data provided by Governments will be used in the preparation of a document to assist INCB in examining the proposal.

11. No action is required of the Commission at its forty-first session regarding the proposal made by the Government of the United States.

Notes

[1]United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

[2]*Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.5).